

September 2024

Tantallon Jr Newsletter

Tantallon Elementary School

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Stand Up Against Bullying Day

*In a world where you can
be anything. be kind!*

Wear pink on September 12!

Principal's Message

September is a month of positive beginnings. Last week was a great start to the year here at Tantallon Jr Elementary. Lots of positive interactions and relationship building is happening both inside and outside of classrooms. This allows everyone to feel safe and valued and creates optimal learning environments. I look forward to a fantastic year with this incredibly warm and welcoming school community!



Important Dates:

Sept 9-13 – Fire Drill

Sept 12 – Stand Up to Bullying Day-wear pink/TESPA “Popsicles on the Playground” 6-7:30pm

Sept 16-20 Lock Down Drill

Sept 18 - TESPA meeting 6:30

Sept 23-27 Hold and Secure Drill

Sept 24- SAC Meeting @ 6:30

Sept 27 – Orange Shirt Day

Sept 30 – Truth and Reconciliation Day -No School

Oct 1- NS Treaty Day

Upcoming Safety Drills

The safety and security of our students and staff is a top priority for **Tantallon Junior Elementary** and the Halifax Regional Centre of Education. This week we will have our first of six **fire drills** of the school year. Another of the procedures our school will be practicing is a lockdown drill. During a **lockdown drill**, classroom doors are secured, and the students remain inside the room until instructed by the teacher to resume their activities. All exterior doors are locked, and no one is permitted to enter or leave the building. Students are kept inside the school and classrooms when circumstances make it safer to stay in the classroom rather than evacuate. Just as we prepare our students to properly respond to a fire drill, they also need to be aware of the proper response during a lockdown drill.

Another practice drill to be conducted is a **hold and secure drill**. During a hold and secure students remain in their classrooms continuing to learn but movement is not permitted in the hallways. The entrances will be locked, and no one will be permitted to enter or leave the building during this drill.

Please be assured that staff at our school will spend time discussing the importance of this procedure with students prior to running a drill. We will also take time after the drills to remind them that it was only a practice and there was no danger. When possible, our School Liaison Officer may assist us in conducting the lockdown drills just as the Fire Department assists with evacuation drills.

Lockdown and Hold and Secure drills are announced ahead of time, so students and staff know they are practice drills. The focus is on practice of the drills, instead of a surprise drills. We practice these drills to ensure our school remains a safe place for teaching and learning.

SAC- School Advisory Council

The first meeting of our School Advisory Council (SAC) is Tues, Sept 24 at 6:30 (zoom meeting.) If you are interested in more information or joining us regarding the SAC please reach out to hrce-sac-taejr@gnspe.ca or read more on the HRCE website. [School Advisory Councils \(SAC\) | Halifax Regional Centre for Education \(hrce.ca\)](#)

SAC meeting dates for 2024-25 are:

1. Tuesday, September 24 6:30-7:30
2. Tuesday, October 29, 6:30-7:30
3. Tuesday, November 26, 6:30-7:30
4. Tuesday, January 28, 6:30-7:30
5. Tuesday, April 29, 6:30-7:30
6. Tuesday, May 27, 6:30-7:30

Head Lice Prevention and Treatment

With the beginning of a new school year, we often see cases of head lice quite early. By working together, we can all help prevent head lice. Please notify the school immediately if your child has head lice.

If you do discover that your child does have head lice, they must be treated. Consult with your family doctor or pharmacist for treatment options. Here are some tips to remember and share with your child:

- Never share hats, combs, clips, bands or any type of head gear.
- Put hats and scarves in coat pockets or sleeve, not on a shelf.
- Check your child's head regularly.

TESPA- Want to get involved in helping to make fun and exciting things happen at school? Looking to meet other parents? Looking to contribute to your school community? TESPA is always looking for volunteers, there's no major commitment required, volunteer as much or as little as you can manage. Meetings take place in the Sr. building in the cafeteria. Please email tantallonespa@gmail.com to join or request more information. Our first TESPA meeting of the year is **Wed, Sept 18th** at 6:30pm. Please join us as we make plans for upcoming school events and fundraisers.

Upcoming Meetings: Oct 16, Nov 13, Dec 11

We will host a "Popsicles on the Playground" Social on Thurs, Sept 12, 6-7:30pm. Families are invited to stop by for a cold treat and social time. The event is being planned for outside.



*Our front
garden looks
fantastic!
Thank you
TESPA
families.*



Orange Shirt Day- Every Child Matters

On September 27th we will observe “Orange Shirt Day”. We encourage all staff and students to wear orange. Classes will be learning about the significance of the day. Sept 30 is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a day of reflection and further learning to honor those who attended residential schools and the intergenerational impacts of trauma on their families. Treaty Day is October 1 in Nova Scotia, and it kicks off Mi’kmaq History Month.



Please wear orange shirts on Friday, September 27
to honour Orange Shirt Day and
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Using BusPlanner

Everything you need to know about student transportation including eligibility, stop times and stop locations can be found on BusPlanner. Once you register and subscribe, you may also receive email notifications on changes to routes, bus delays or cancellations.

To sign up, go to BusPlanner at hrce.mybusplanner.ca and click on Parent Portal. Follow the instructions to create an account.

Don't have a BusPlanner Parent Portal account? Need help logging in? Please contact the HRCE Student Transportation Team at transportation@hrce.ca or call 902-431-4723.

<https://hpsts.mybusplanner.ca/>



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Reminders

- TJES is a peanut and nut free, and scent aware site. Please do not send nut or peanut products to school.
- Please label clothing items, water bottles, etc.
- An extra pair of clothes in backpacks is always a great idea.
- Please send water bottle each day with your child.
- If your child is absent from school please call the School Messenger (Safe Arrival)

Line at **1-833-582-6940**

- Please check our school website as there is lots of useful information in the Parent Section. <https://taj.hrce.ca/>